



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

STALLMAN & POLLOCK LLP
353 SACRAMENTO STREET
SUITE 2200
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94111

COPY MAILED

JUL 26 2006

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Farrell :
Application No. 10/715,171 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: November 17, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. FRLL-710 :
For: RINSEABLE SPLASH SHIELD AND
METHOD OF USE

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 27, 2006 (certificate of mailing April 25, 2006), to revive the above-identified application.


The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply to the non-final Office action mailed October 4, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 5, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 17, 2006.

Petitioner has submitted an amendment in reply to the October 4, 2005 non-final Office action, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the October 4, 2005 non-final Office action, and the required petition fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1723 for consideration of the reply filed on April 27, 2006 (certificate of mailing April 25, 2006).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.


Shirene Willis Brantley
Senior Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions